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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT FRG ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET MINISTER COUNSELOR MADE ORAL STATEMENT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN APRIL 4 CHARGING FRG HAD REPEATEDLY VIOLATED QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT BY ACTIVITIES TAKEN IN BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE LORENZ KIDNAPPING. HARTMAN PROMISED SOVIETS FULL RESPONSE IN DUE COURSE, BUT GAVE INTERIM REPLY EMPHASISING THAT ALLIES SCRUPULOUS IN OBSERVING TERMS OF QA WHICH HAD NOT BEEN VIOLATED DURING LORENZ AFFAIR. END SUMMARY.

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2. TEXT OF VORONTSOV'S ORAL STATEMENT (COPY LEFT AS
NON PAPER) FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

OF LATE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST BERLIN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION
MR. P. LORENZ, A NUMBER OF UNLAWFUL ACTS HAD BEEN COMMITTED
IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ON THE PART OF THE
AUTHORITIES OF THE FRG, WHICH CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED EVEN BY
THE EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER OF MR. LORENZ'S CASE.

ALTHOUGH THE KIDNAPPING OF MR. LORENZ TOOK PLACE IN
THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, STATE OFFICES AND
INSTITUTIONS OF THE FRG, INCLUDING THE INTERIOR AND
JUSTICE MINISTRIES, THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION
OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL POLICE
AGENCY HAVE ON THE OUTSET MEDDLED WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS FACTS, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
JUDICIARY BODIES AND THE POLICE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF
BERLIN, CONNECTED WITH THE KIDNAPPING, WERE DIRECTED BY
STATE OFFICES OF THE FRG. THIS HAS BEEN DIRECTLY CON-
FIRMED BY THE WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS.
MR. F.EHRKE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND
ORDER OF THE WEST BERLIN HOUSE OF DEPUTIES, DECLARED ON
FEBRUARY 28, THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS
CONCERNING THE LORENZ CASE WOULD BE TAKEN IN BONN.
MR. BOELLING, STATE SECRETARY, TOLD ON MARCH 1, THAT
"BONN ENGAGED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS". SPECIAL
STATEMENT BY THE CHANCELLOR OF MARCH 5, ALSO CONTAINS
SOME INDICATIONS TO THE FACT, THAT MAJOR AND PRINCIPAL
DECISION IN THE LORENZ CASE WERE THE RESULT OF THE
CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN ON THE HIGH POLITICAL AND STATE
LEVEL IN THE FRG CAPITAL.

IN THE PERIOD AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF MR. LORENZ,
THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WERE VISITED BY VARIOUS-
RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE FRG, INCLUDING MINISTERS, WHO
IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY PARTICIPATED DIRECTLY IN THE
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SEARCH BY THE COMPETENT WEST BERLIN OFFICES FOR THE
ABDUCTORS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL WEST BERLIN INFORMATION,
SEVERAL HUNDRED WEST GERMAN POLICEMEN AND OFFICIALS FROM
THE CRIMINAL SERVICE OF THE FRG TOOK PART IN THE
SEARCH FOR THE TERRORISTS.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FRG, ACCORDING TO AN
OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE FRG,

"HAS PERSONALLY DIRECTED THE INVESTIGATION" IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN.

THE LIST OF SUCH FACTS MAY BE EASILY CONTINUED. ALL OF THEM PROVE THAT STATE OFFICES AND OFFICIALS OF THE FRG HAVE BEEN EXECUTING OFFICIAL ACTS IN IMPLEMENTING DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY OVER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, WHICH IS WELL KNOWN TO BE DIRECTLY PROHIBITED BY THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971.

THUS, THERE IS A GROSS VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. AS IT HAS HAPPENED IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE, THE FRG ALSO IS SEEKING AT THIS TIME TO COVER ITS UNLAWFUL ACTS REFERRING TO AGREEMENT ON THE PART OF THE USA, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE, PRACTICALLY PUTTING THEM INTO A POSITION OF ACCESSARIES TO THE VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WITH ALL SERIOUSNESS WILL REGARD THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONSIDERATIONS AND UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN BY THE STATE OFFICES AND OFFICIALS OF THE FRG, AS WELL AS ENSURE INADMISSIBILITY IN FUTURE OF SUCH INCIDENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES. UNQUOTE.

3. HARTMAN ADVISED VORONTSOV THAT DETAILED REPLY WOULD BE GIVEN DUE COURSE. HOWEVER, HE WISHED TO STRESS THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN VERY CAREFUL THAT NOTHING WAS DONE DURING THE ENTIRE LORENZ AFFAIR WHICH WOULD VIOLATE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. HE EMPHASISED THAT THE ALLIES WERE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT ANY FRG OFFICIALS WHO WENT TO BERLIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE DID SO UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ALLIES AND WERE WORKING FOR THE ALLIES IN AN EFFORT TO SOLVE THE CASE. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE FRG TO BE INVOLVED IN THE CASE BECAUSE SOME OF THE PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE THE TERRORISTS HAD DEMANDED WERE IN FRG JAILS. IN CLOSING HARTMAN STRONGLY RE-EMPHASISED THE EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO WHICH THE ALLIES HAD GONE TO AVOID EVEN A TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF THE QA.

4. VORONTSOV THANKED HARTMAN FOR HIS COMMENTS AND PROMISED TO REPORT THEM TO MOSCOW. HE ALSO OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT VARIOUS FRG STATEMENTS (REFERRED TO IN VORONTSOV'S ORAL STATEMENT) SEEMED TO BE CONTRARY TO WHAT HARTMAN HAD SAID.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE SOVIET COMPLAINT IN BONN GROUP AND ASK IF OTHERS HAVE HAD SIMILAR APPROACHES FROM THE SOVIETS. WHETHER OR NOT APPROACHES HAVE BEEN MADE TO OTHERS WE BELIEVE BONN GROUP SHOULD JOINTLY WORK OUT DETAILED RESPONSE TO SOVIET STATEMENT, WHICH IN ADDITION

TO REFUTING INCORRECT ASSERTIONS, ALSO ENUMERATES STEPS ALLIES TOOK DURING LORENZ AFFAIR TO INSURE THE TERMS OF THE QA WERE MET.

6. ASSUMING OTHERS WILL ALSO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY SOVIETS WE WOULD APPRECIATE BONN GROUPS'S AND MOSCOW'S VIEWS WHETHER TO MAKE REPLIES IN CAPITALS (PRESUMABLY IN CLOSE COORDINATION) OR JOINTLY IN MOSCOW. INGERSOLL

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